39. Sagar Seeds
40. Solar Seeds
41. Multiplex Laxmi Fert.
42. Consolidated Seeds
43. Indo American Seeds
44. Kaveri Kodai Seeds
45. Nuziveedu Seeds
46. SSCI.Haveri
47. Sri Seeds Corpn.
48. Sri Amareshwara Hy. Seeds
49. Aruna Seeds

Improving Sugarcane production

1721. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane growers are unable to produce good crop in the absence of prototype and technical knowledge of production and quality of agricultural fields in the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of assistance being provided by Government to the sugarcane growers for the development of better sugarcane varieties and promote sugarcane cultivation alongwith the main features of the draft of the scheme for the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sugarcane Development scheme was implemented in major sugarcane growing States including Gujarat. However, since October 2000,

the scheme "Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems" (SUBACS) has been subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture along with other 26 schemes to give more flexibility to States and implement the programmes on the basis of State's priorities and requirements. Funds are allocated and released to States in lump sum for Macro Management Mode of Agriculture and not provided on the basis of individual crop by Government of India.

Impact of Foreign Seeds

†1722. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:-

(a) the names of the foreign seeds companies which are selling their seeds in the country;

(b) the names of the regions where foreign seeds are being used alongwith their varieties; and

(c) whether the investigating agencies have conducted tests about the impact and ill effects of the foreign seeds in the context of Indian environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Details of foreign collaboration approvals granted in the seeds sector from 01.01.2000 to 31.08.2002, including cases of acquisition of shares in Indian seed companies by foreign collaborators are enclosed as statement. *(See below)*

(b) There is no regional restriction on the sale of seeds, including foreign seeds.

(c) The import of seeds and planting materials is regulated under the New Policy on Seed Development read with PFS Order, 1989. Agronomic suitability, performance and resistance to pests and diseases is assessed before allowing import of seeds.

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